

SENATE BILL 1982

By Finney

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63
and Title 68, relative to hospice services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

68-11-276.

(a) The board shall prepare an annual report concerning hospice services in this
state that includes the following information:

- (1) The number of hospice patients who received hospice services;
- (2) The number of patients who received residential hospice care;
- (3) The number of facilities providing hospice services;
- (4) The number of physicians providing hospice services;
- (5) The average number of skilled nursing staff employed in each
residential hospice facility;
- (6) Any standing or general orders pertaining to patient care and hospice
services; and
- (7) Any information the board determines is relevant to hospice services,
hospice patients, or the family members of hospice patients in this state.

(b) The board, or its representatives, shall present the report to the general
assembly on or before January 15th of each year.

(c) The board shall make the report publically available on its website.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2015.